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1. FOURTH QUARTER BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO U.S. SUBJECT PL 88-482, IN THOUSAND POUNDS WAS 4,782. TOTAL FOR YEAR 1974, 25,741. FOURTH QUARTER SHIPMENTS WERE CONSIDERABLY UNDER EARLIER ESTIMATES DUE TO DEPRESSED BEEF PRICES IN THE U.S. WHICH ARE BELOW THOSE IN MEXICO. ALSO IMPROVED RANGE CONDITIONS HAVE PERMITTED CATTLE TO REMAIN ON RANGES. UNSEASONAL RAINS IN JANUARY CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PASTUR PROSPECTS.

2. GOM HAS AUTHORIZED TWO SEMI-ANNUAL EXPORT QUOTAS OF 14 MILLION KILOS EACH (30,800 LBS EACH). THIS APPEARS OPTIMISTIC IN VIEW OF CURRENT PRICE LVELS AND RECENT EXPORT PERFORMANCE. AS A RESULT WE ARE SHARPLY REDUCING OUR EXPORT PROJECTIONS FOR 1975 AS FOLLOWS (IN 1,000 LBS OF PRODUCT):

BY QUARTERS TO U.S.

1 2 3 4 TOTAL

2,000 5,000 6,000 10,000 23,0000

3. THE HIGHER LEVEL OF EXPORTS IN THE SECOND HALF PRESUMES THAT
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U.S. PRICES WILL IMPROVE BY THAT TIME. ALSO, THERE HAS BEEN A

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CONSIDERABLE BACKUP IN FEEDER CALVES WHICH ARE NORMALLY EXPORTED
TO THE U.S. THE SECRETARY STATES THIS WEEK THAT THESE MAY HAVE
TO BE MOVED TO OTHER ARAS IN MEXICO FOR GROWING OUT AND SUB-
SEQUENT SLAUGHTER WHICH MAY TEND TO LOWER DOMESTIC BEEF PRICES
AND THUS ENCOURAGE A HIGHER LEVEL OF EXPORTS.

4. LOCAL NEWSPAPER (EL SOL DE MEXICO FEB 11, 1975) REPORTED
LARGE 70,000 TONS PENDING MEAT PURCHASES BY EGYPT AND NIGERIA.
THIS REPORT WAS DISCOUNTED BY DR PEDRO SOLANA MARTAGON,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LIVESTOCK SAG. HE WAS OF THE OPINION
IF MEXICAN MEAT MOVED TO EGYPT AND NIGERIA IT WOULD MOVE
IN SMALL QUANTITIES AND PROBABLY AS A GIFT. PRIVATE TRADE
SOURCES CONFIRMED THERE HAD BEEN INQUIRIES BY STATE CATTLEMENS
ASSOCIATION CONCERNING CUSTOM SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE FOR EXPORT
TO EGYPT. SOURCE DID NOT EXPECT EGYPTIAN AND NIGERIAN EXPORTS
TO MATERIALIZE IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY. SOURCE DID CONFIRM
THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE SOME MEXICAN
BEEF EXPORTED TO EGYPT.
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